
In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (currently amended) A car seat with an extendable back which comprises:

a seat member for positioning upon a seating surface within said car;

a back member connected to said seat member, said back member further comprising:

a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section;

a movable component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section capable of movement from a retracted position to an extended position, said movable component comprising

an upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings and an upper headrest width,

a lower area separated from said upper headrest area by a pair of fixed size inwardly-projecting indentations to accommodate an automobile shoulder belt guide through one of said indentations, said lower area having a surface and a contour in cross-section for sliding movement along said fixed component having a mating contoured surface in cross-section, said lower area fixedly connected to said upper headrest area, said lower area having a lower area width,

said upper headrest width and said lower area width being essentially the same,

said upper headrest area in invariant fixed relationship to said lower area and separated by said indentations,

said fixed and movable components in overlapping essentially gapless relationship with respect to each other with sliding movement between said components at both said retracted and extended positions,

and further wherein sliding movement between said components does not increase a size of said indentations between said upper headrest area and said lower area; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

2. (original) The seat of claim 1 wherein said movable component is attached in front of said fixed component.
3. (original) The seat of claim 1 wherein said fixed component and said movable component permit telescoping movement therebetween.
4. (original) The seat of claim 3 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least one longitudinal channel in said fixed component.
5. (original) The seat of claim 4 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least two longitudinal channels in said fixed component.
6. (canceled)
7. (currently amended) The seat of claim 6 5 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits adjustment by incremental discrete movement.
8. (original) The seat of claim 7 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component is a pair of outwardly biased shafts which engage locking means on said fixed component.
9. (original) The seat of claim 8 wherein said locking means are mating teeth and grooves.
10. (original) The seat of claim 6 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits infinitely variable movement.
11. (currently amended) A car seat having an extendable back which comprises:
 - a seat member for positioning upon a seating surface within said car;
 - a back member connected to said seat member, said back member further comprising:
 - a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a

pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section ~~in cross-section~~;
and

a telescoping movable component overlapping and in contacting engagement with
said fixed component, said telescoping movable component further
comprising a fixed upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending
wings, an opposed lower surface having a laterally extending essentially flat
middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle
section ~~in cross-section~~ which ~~mates~~ mate with said contour of said fixed
component, said upper headrest area and said lower surface separated by a
pair of fixed size inwardly-projecting indentations for use with an automobile
shoulder belt through one of said indentations, and wherein movement of
said fixed and telescoping movable components relative to each other
provides contiguous essentially parallel surface support for an occupant's
back when said movable component is both in its a retracted position and an
extended positions position without increasing a size of said indentations;
and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed
component.

12. (original) The seat of claim 11 wherein said movable component is attached in front of said fixed component.
13. (original) The seat of claim 12 wherein an inner contour of said movable component mates with an outer contour of said fixed component.
14. (original) The seat of claim 13 wherein said inner contour of said movable component nests with an outer contour of said fixed component.
15. (previously presented) The seat of claim 14 wherein said an outer contour of said movable component further comprises a pair of raised surfaces for side support of an occupant.
16. (original) The seat of claim 15 wherein said fixed component and said movable component permit telescoping movement therebetween.
17. (original) The seat of claim 16 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least one longitudinal channel in said fixed component.

18. (original) The seat of claim 17 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least two longitudinal channels in said fixed component.
19. (original) The seat of claim 18 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits adjustment by incremental discrete movement.
20. (original) The seat of claim 19 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component is a pair of outwardly biased shafts which engage locking means on said fixed component.
21. (original) The seat of claim 20 wherein said locking means are mating teeth and grooves.
22. (original) The seat of claim 18 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits infinitely variable movement.
23. (currently amended) An extendable back member for use with a car seat which comprises:
 - a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle surface and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section;
 - a movable component capable of movement from a first to a second position, said movable component comprising
 - an upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings and
 - an opposed lower area having a laterally extending essentially flat middle surface and a pair of raised contoured sides ~~in cross-section~~ for sliding movement along said a matingly contoured ~~laterally extending surfaces~~ of said fixed component creating an essentially flat surface for an occupant's back,
 - said upper headrest area in invariant fixed relationship to said lower area and separated by a pair of inwardly-projecting indentations for use with an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations,
 - said fixed and movable components in overlapping essentially gapless and contacting relationship with respect to each other with sliding movement between said components and further without increasing a size of said indentations with said sliding movement; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

24. (previously presented) The seat of claim 23 wherein said movable component is attached in front of said fixed component.
25. (previously presented) The seat of claim 23 wherein said fixed component and said movable component permit telescoping movement therebetween.
26. (previously presented) The seat of claim 25 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least one longitudinal channel in said fixed component.
27. (previously presented) The seat of claim 26 wherein said telescoping movement is fixed by a length of at least two longitudinal channels in said fixed component.
28. (canceled)
29. (currently amended) The seat of claim ~~28~~ 27 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits adjustment by incremental discrete movement.
30. (previously presented) The seat of claim 29 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component is a pair of outwardly biased shafts which engage locking means on said fixed component.
31. (previously presented) The seat of claim 30 wherein said locking means are mating teeth and grooves.
32. (previously presented) The seat of claim 28 wherein said means for selectively positioning said movable component relative to said fixed component permits infinitely variable movement.
33. (withdrawn-amended) An extendable back for a car seat comprising:
 - (a) an upper headrest area; and
 - (b) a lower extendable back area below said headrest area, said back area having a width and a length and a surface area defined by said width and length, whereby extending said back area from a fully contracted to a fully extended position increases said surface area of said back area;
 - (c) said upper headrest surface area having a pair of fixed size inwardly projecting indentations to accommodate an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations; and

(d) said lower extendable back area in connection with a lower seat area.

34. (withdrawn-amended) A car seat comprising:

- (a) a seat with an occupant supporting surface;
- (b) a height adjustable back further comprising:
 - (i) a movable lower occupant back supporting surface,
 - (ii) an upper occupant head supporting surface fixedly attached to a top of said movable occupant back supporting surface,
 - (iii) at least one height adjustment position for said back supporting surface;
- (c) said back having a pair of inwardly-projecting indentations between said occupant head supporting surface and said occupant back supporting surface, said indentations having fixed dimensions;
- (d) said dimensions of said indentations and said number of said indentations remaining constant when changing height adjustment position of said back supporting surface; and
- (e) said seat in communication with said height adjustable back.

35. (withdrawn-amended) An extendable back for a child's car seat comprising:

- (a) an essentially contiguous lower supportive area;
- (b) an upper headrest area, said respective areas separated by a pair of indentations therebetween for acceptance of an automobile shoulder belt; and
- (c) wherein said supportive area is adjustable in height without introduction of gaps when moving said supportive area from a contracted position to an extended position; and
- (d) further wherein a size and number of said indentations remains constant when moving said supportive area from said positions;
- (e) said car seat further comprising a seating surface in communication with said extendable back.

36. (withdrawn-amended) An extendable back for a child's car seat with an extendable back support surface located below a head supporting surface, said extendable back supporting surface comprising:

- (a) a fixed lower member with contoured sides in communication with said extendable back support surface;
- (b) a moving upper member with contoured sides for telescopic sliding movement over said contoured sides of said lower member, ~~and~~
- (c) wherein extending said back supporting surface from a contracted to an expanded position increases a gapless supportive area of said back support surface;
- (d) said extendable back supporting surface having a pair of fixed size inwardly projecting indentations.

37. (withdrawn-amended) A child's car seat comprising:

- (a) a seating area; and
- (b) a lower supportive back area selectively adjustable in height;
- (c) an upper headrest area fixed to said lower supportive back area;
- (d) said lower supportive back and upper headrest areas separated by a pair of fixed size non-supportive indentations for use with an automobile shoulder belt;
- (e) wherein said seating area, said lower supportive back area, and said upper headrest area form continuous occupant support except in said non-supportive indentation areas, ~~and~~
- (f) further wherein at any position of said lower supportive back area, said indentation areas are the only non-supportive areas; and
- (g) further wherein said seating area and said lower supportive back area are in movable pivotal relationship.

38. (new) An extendable back member for use with a car seat which comprises:

- a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle surface and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section;
- a movable component capable of movement from a first to a second position, said movable component comprising
 - an upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings and

an opposed lower area having a laterally extending essentially flat middle surface and a pair of raised contoured sides for sliding movement along said matingly contoured surfaces of said fixed component creating an essentially flat surface for an occupant's back,

said upper headrest area in invariant fixed relationship to said lower area and separated by a pair of laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations for use with an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations,

said fixed and movable components in overlapping essentially gapless and contacting relationship with respect to each other with sliding movement between said components and further without increasing a size of said indentations with said sliding movement; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

39. (new) A car seat having an extendable back which comprises:

a seat member for positioning upon a seating surface within said car;

a back member connected to said seat member, said back member further comprising:

a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section; and

a telescoping movable component overlapping and in contacting engagement with said fixed component, said telescoping movable component further comprising a fixed upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings, an opposed lower surface having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section which mate with said contour of said fixed component, said upper headrest area and said lower surface separated by a pair of fixed size laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations for use with an automobile shoulder belt through one of said indentations, and wherein movement of said fixed and telescoping components relative to each other provides contiguous essentially parallel surface support for an occupant's back when said movable component is both in its retracted and extended positions

without increasing a size of said indentations; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.

40. (new) A car seat with an extendable back which comprises:

a seat member for positioning upon a seating surface within said car;

a back member connected to said seat member, said back member further comprising:

a fixed component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section;

a movable component having a laterally extending essentially flat middle section and a pair of raised contoured sides adjacent said middle section capable of movement from a retracted position to an extended position, said movable component comprising

an upper headrest area with a pair of forward extending wings and an upper headrest width,

a lower area separated from said upper area by a pair of fixed size laterally and inwardly-projecting indentations to accommodate an automobile shoulder belt guide through one of said indentations, said lower area having a surface and a contour in cross-section for sliding movement along said fixed component having a mating contoured surface in cross-section, said lower area fixedly connected to said upper headrest area, said lower area having a lower area width,

said upper headrest width and said lower area width being essentially the same,

said upper headrest area in invariant fixed relationship to said lower area and separated by said indentations,

said fixed and movable components in overlapping essentially gapless relationship with respect to each other with sliding movement between said components at both said retracted and extended positions,

and further wherein sliding movement between said components does not increase a size of said indentations between said upper headrest area and said lower area; and

means for selectively positioning and retaining said movable component relative to said fixed component.